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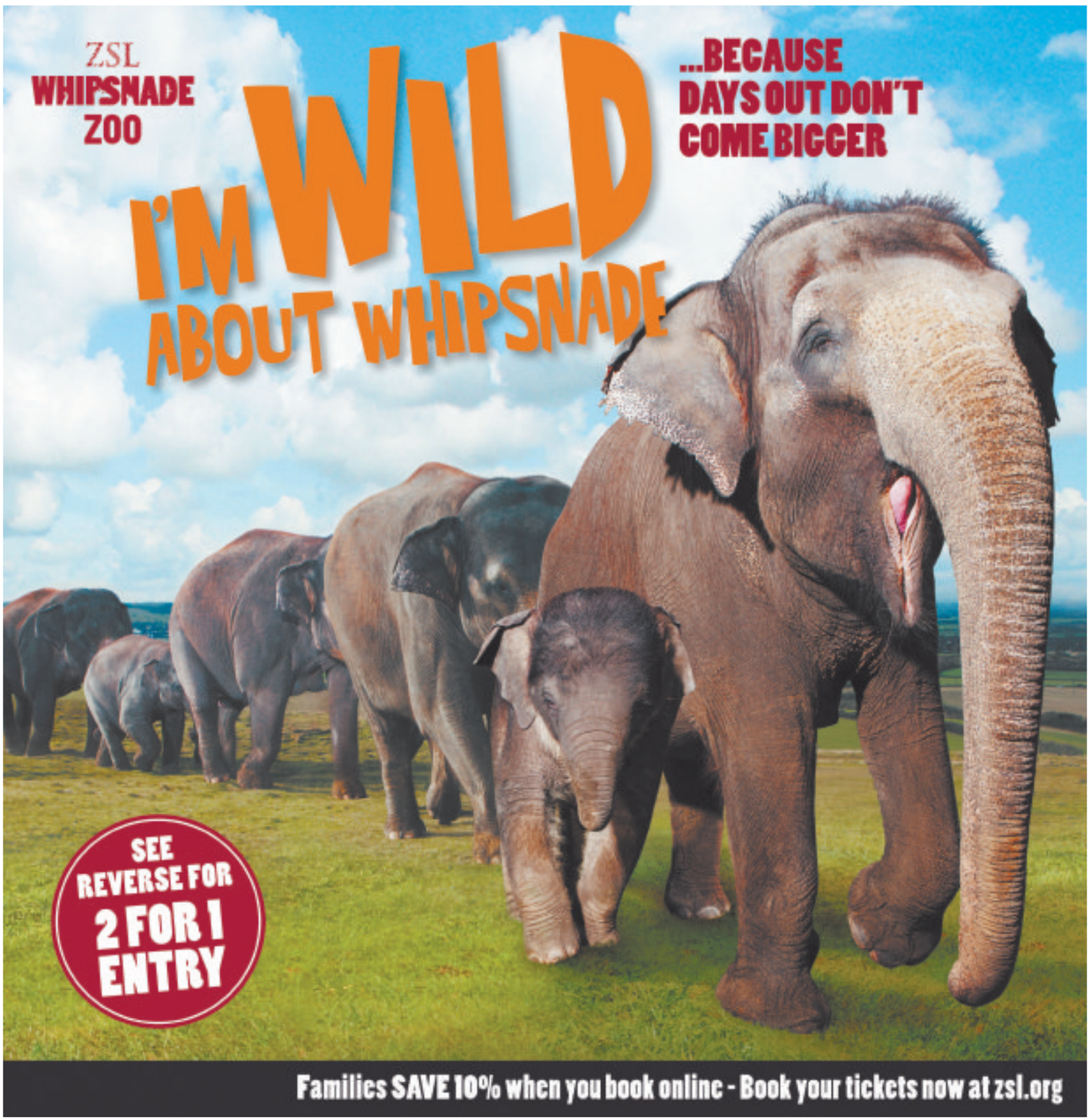

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Balloon trapped in power line smash

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Teen faces life sentence for Florida murders

Tyson guilty

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A FLORIDA teenager was found guilty last night of the killings of Northampton tourist James Kouzaris and his friend James Cooper.

After two hours' deliberating, the 12 jurors convicted 17-year-old Shawn Tyson of first-degree murder on both counts around 10pm UK time.

The two friends, who were on a three-week holiday with Mr Cooper's family, were shot on a Newtown housing complex after a night out on April 16 last year.

Their bodies were found on opposite sides of the same street, shirtless and with all of their valuables still with them.

It has been an agonising wait for the victims' families and James Cooper's relatives have submitted a video that will be seen by Judge Rick De Furia before he sentences Tyson.

Joe Hallett and Paul Davies, friends of the pair, gave moving statements explaining the "pain and constant suffering" caused by the teenager's actions.

Addressing Tyson directly, Mr Hallett said: "It was through your deadly actions that you have taken us on a journey to hell."

He described James Kouzaris, 24, who lived in Kingsthorpe, and James Cooper, 25, from Warwick, as "kind, funny, caring and intelligent young men" and "unique human beings".

Shawn Tyson

James Kouzaris

Mr Hallett added: "You murdered two people who, had you given them the chance, would have given you the time of day.

"They were two of the good guys in life."

Mr Davies added: "When I get married, I will be short of a best man."

A statement from Mr Cooper's parents read out by prosecutor Karen Fraivillig said that they even missed "the smell of his hair gel and the mess in the bathroom", and that he was the "best son any parents could wish for".

In the high-profile case, which began at Sarasota County Court last Thursday, jurors heard a week of witness evidence – but silence from the suspect. After several of his friends testified against him, the teenager confirmed to Judge De Furia that he did not wish to speak.

And twists and turns went beyond the courtroom when the killer's sister was arrested allegedly in connection with comments she had made on Facebook.

Florida paper the Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported that Samantha Huffman had been charged with retaliating against a witness who had testified against her brother.

Tyson faces a mandatory life sentence after being found guilty of first degree murder.

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Residents urged to dig for castle ruins

FAMILIES in an historic part of Northampton will be invited to search for archaeological treasures in their own gardens, a heritage group has announced.

Friends of Northampton Castle (FNC), who unveiled their proposals for the medieval remains near the train station last week, said that a 'Big Dig' was just one of the ways that the community could get involved in the conservation project.

The enthusiasts' report said: "Households within the ward would be encouraged to excavate a one metre square hole on their property and record and save everything uncovered.

"The material and features would be examined and interpreted by local archaeologists and printed reports given to the household."

It is hoped that excavation of the green space by St Andrews Road will uncover the remnants of the castle buildings. Campaigners are also seeking approval for a "medieval garden" in Chalk Lane.

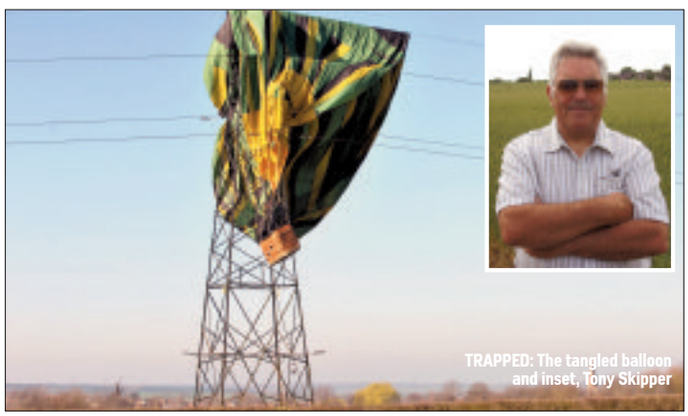
Herald&Post Briefs

GALLANTRY NOD FOR SUPERGRAN
'SUPERGRAN' is to receive a bravery award for preventing a raid on a jewellery store last February.

Downing Street announced on Friday that Ann Timson was one of those honoured in this year's Civil Gallantry List. She was in Gold Street, Northampton, when she witnessed and helped stop the attempted robbery of Michael Jones – with the use of her handbag.

CARS DAUBED WITH YELLOW PAINT
TWENTY vehicles were sprayed with yellow paint by vandals. The damage was to parked cars in Northampton and the south of the county. It happened between 10pm on Monday and 7am Tuesday.

COMMUNITY OFFICER TO HIT BEAT
NORTHAMPTON town centre is getting its own PCSO from next month. Funded by the Business Improvement District, initially for 12 months, it aims to enhance the centre's existing policing.



TRAPPED: The tangled balloon and inset, Tony Skipper

Balloon stranded after cable crash

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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AN eye-witness has recalled the shocking moment he saw a hot air balloon crash into power lines.

Tony Skipper, from Irchester, was in his conservatory on Sunday evening when he saw the accident unfold in Bozeat.

He said: "I saw three balloons coming over and I noticed one of them was very low over the hedge on the Harrold Road, outside Bozeat going past Newlands Farm and heading towards a row of large power lines.

"I initially thought the balloon was going to land but then to the shock of my family there was a large white flash then flames and brown smoke as the balloon came to a halt still inflated.

"The canopy then slowly wrapped over the lines as it deflated."

He then called the emergency services.

Mr Skipper added: "We could see movement in the basket with binoculars at 6pm and we now understand the occupants did not get down until 11pm.

"Judging the size of the flame and realising the balloon had gas bottles on board the occupants can say they were very lucky. The services were great and responded very quickly.

"I think they were very lucky, especially with the gas tanks and electricity, which do not go together."

Engineers used two large cranes to remove the balloon from the 132,000 volt electricity cables on Monday.

Three people, two men and a woman, were rescued from it the night before after it became trapped, suspended from a pylon. They were treated for minor burns.

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service received an emergency call at 6.10pm on Sunday and the rescue mission took five hours as they had to wait for the electricity to be turned off.

At 9.32pm the electricity company carried out a isolation so the fire service could cut the rope and assist the passengers and 18-year-old pilot Adam Griffiths from Rushden.

Councillor in heart scare

FOLLOWING a heart attack earlier this week, a councillor will undergo surgery within the next few days.

As a result, Conservative Alan Bottwood (*pictured*), 61, who represents Upton and is the cabinet member for finance, will have to temporarily scale back his duties at Northampton Borough Council. He remains in hospital in Oxford.

Birth trauma girl to get life payouts

BY JULIA SUTTON
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A SIX-year-old who suffered devastating brain damage during her birth will receive compensation and annual payments for the rest of her life.

Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust has agreed to pay the sums to the girl who was left severely brain damaged following delays in her birth in March 2006.

The award, which was approved by one of the country's top judges at London's High Court on Monday, includes an initial payment of a £1 million lump sum.

However, after that the girl – who for legal reasons cannot be named but who comes from the Northampton area – will also receive annual payments of £155,000 until she is 21 and £282,000 from the time she is 21.

Provided the girl lives until she is 21 the sum will top £3m and payments will then continue at the higher rate.

The award comes in the wake of another agreed payout to the girl's mother for injuries she received during her daughter's birth.

As he approved the deal struck between lawyers for the Trust, which admitted full responsibility for what happened, and lawyers for the tragic girl's parents Mr Justice Foskett said he was satisfied that the deal represented "an excellent settlement" of the case.

He also praised the girl's parents, who were in court, saying he was "lost in admiration" for them for the way they coped.

And during the hearing the QC for the Trust, Paul Rees, said that while nothing that was said could right the wrong that had been done he offered an "unreserved apology" to the family on behalf of the Trust.

He also said he wanted to publicly pay tribute to the girl's mother and others who have been responsible for looking after her since the tragedy happened.

The judge had been told that the girl was "stillborn" after delays occurred during her birth. As a result she now suffers other conditions including kidney problems, autism and epilepsy and will need constant care for the rest of her life.

Her counsel, top QC James Badenoch, told the court that there had been clear signs of oxygen starvation and even in the womb those signs were "either ignored or not interpreted correctly."

He said that the girl should have been delivered by Caesarean section four hours before she was finally born.

Last month we reported that the hospital was ordered to pay millions in compensation to ten-year-old Hannah Louise Gudd after she was left severely disabled following medical blunders during her birth.

Miss Gudd was left with cerebral palsy so severe that she is blind and needs to be fed through a tube, after being starved of oxygen in the womb during her birth on April 1, 2001.

She sued the hospital's managers – the NHS Trust – through her mother.

5,305 skipping school

MORE than 5,000 pupils across the county have been described as "persistent absentees" by the Department for Education.

The 5,305 students, from both primary and secondary schools, missed lessons for a total of 23 days or more in the last academic year.

And nearly half were absent for at least 32 days.

Figures published yesterday in a Government report on truancy show that Northamptonshire is the worst county in the East Midlands region for absentees who skip 20 per cent of their lessons.

Stephen Clarke, managing director of monitoring service Truancy Call, said: "This announcement sends the message loud and clear to schools and parents that this is an issue that needs to be dealt with."

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STEP UP: Fundraisers get walking
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Welly-wearers raise cash

HERDS of people raised thousands of pounds for a hospice at a charity walk.

Hundreds attended the event on Sunday organised by Robert Wiseman Dairies and held at Delapre Abbey in Northampton.

The first sponsored "welly walk" is thought to have raised £32,000 for Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

The 5km stroll around the beautiful park gave participants the opportunity to own a pair of Robert Wiseman Dairies iconic black and white wellies and Friesian fashion won the day, with cow suits and accessories proving very popular.

John Helm, fundraising manager at Cynthia Spencer, said: "On behalf of everyone at Cynthia Spencer Hospice I'd like to say a huge thank you to all who took part and helped raise funds in support of the hospice."

Sam Eccles, sales manager at the dairy company, said: "Our Wiseman Welly Walks have been raising tens of thousands of pounds over the last year for hospices throughout the UK and we are delighted with the response and generosity from people we have witnessed here in Northampton."

Michael Ellis, MP for Northampton North, officially started the walk.

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M1 'pedestrian' dies in collision

A WOMAN in her 40s from Wootton died on the M1 on Tuesday after being hit by a lorry.

It happened just before 11am on the southbound carriageway between junctions 15 and 14.

The woman, who has not been named by police, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Sergeant Simon Hill, from the Roads Policing Department, said: "It appears that the woman was in lane one of the carriageway at the time she was struck. We also found a grey Audi A3 parked on the hard shoulder close to the scene, which we believe belongs to the victim."

Anyone who saw the collision with the pedestrian, or a separate incident involving the Audi, should contact Sgt Hills on 01865 841148.

CRASH SCENE: Air Ambulance above the incident. Picture courtesy of Yan To via Twitter

Teenagers led boys into a robbery trap

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FIVE youths lured three other teenage boys to a house in Northampton where they were beaten and robbed.

The victims met with one of the offenders on June 26 last year in the hope of buying cannabis.

But the 17-year-old, who was described as the "brainchild" of the robbery, said the drugs were "at a friend's house" and led them to the address.

Michael Waterfield, prosecuting at Northampton Crown Court, said: "In reality that was to set them up for a robbery. He took them along Wellingborough Road in Northampton and knocked on the fence as a signal to the robbers." Four hooded teenagers, one said to be armed with a chain, were waiting for the victims.

Three of the offenders, including two brothers, 16 and 18, appeared before a judge on Friday. The court heard how one of the 16-year-old victims was punched several times.

Mr Waterfield said: "His head was stamped on and he had his wallet stolen. He was left with a swollen left eye, scratches on his back, swelling to his face and a bloodied nose."

The two brothers' defence lawyer admitted: "This was thoroughly abhorrent behaviour by both of them.

"It must have been nothing short of absolutely terrifying for the young men concerned." But she added: "They provided very candid accounts of their involvement without which a case against them could not have been made."

Judge David Tomlinson sentenced the oldest of the three youths to 12-months detention suspended for 18 months, a supervision order for 18 months and 160 hours' unpaid work.

His younger brother received a youth rehabilitation order for 18 months and a year-long supervision order.

Both will have to abide by a curfew. Their accomplice was sentenced to an 18-month youth rehabilitation order, a supervision order for 12 months and 140 hours' unpaid work.

'Scruffy' man's lewd sex act in front of girls, 11

A MAN exposed himself and performed a sex act in front of two 11-year-old girls.

They were in Bradlaugh Fields, Northampton, between 4pm and 5pm on Tuesday, March 20 when an unknown man approached the girls and smiled at them. He then went behind a bush and exposed himself while still in view.

He ran off towards Newnham Road as someone walked by. The offender is described as white, 30 to 35, around 5ft 6, of slim build and wearing dark clothing.

He had scruffy long blonde hair and crooked teeth.

170th drug factory uncovered by cops

BY LAUREN DAVIS
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A house in Rushden, the largest drug factory ever found in the county, where more than £1m worth of cannabis was seized last May

A 'SOPHISTICATED' cannabis factory cultivating £150,000 worth of drugs was the fifth one found by police in just two weeks.

And officers revealed they had uncovered 170 drug-growing dens across the county in the last year.

Police forced their way into the property in Portland Place, Northampton, last Thursday and found more than 500 plants as well as lighting and ventilation equipment.

A 27-year-old man was arrested at the scene and taken to Campbell Square police station for questioning.

Officers said there were signs that small fires had been caused by high voltage cables passing through wood, which they described as a "serious hazard".

The mains electricity had been bypassed and there was evidence of previous yields from the cannabis plants.

The raid followed the discovery of two drug factories the previous day when a team of special constables, together with response officers, safer community team officers and the Operation Guardian team, executed warrants at two properties, in Paxton Road and Pell Court, Northampton.

A 23-year-old man was arrested in Paxton Road and charged with cultivating 464 plants, and a 29-year-old man was charged with growing 231 plants at the Pell Court address.

On March 15, the force's Operation Guardian searched a property on Axe Head Road, Briar Hill, after reports of a strong smell.

More than 400 mature cannabis plants were growing there and extensive equipment that allowed them to spread in water instead of soil.

The following day, officers raided a rented property in Apethorpe near Oundle, finding more than 300 shoots of the drug.

Sergeant Craig Johnson, of Operation Guardian, said: "Between March 1, 2011 and February 29, 2012 we uncovered a massive 170 cannabis cultivations in total – 94 in the north of the county and 76 in the west.

"There are often clear tell-tale signs of a cannabis factory and we would advise people to be aware of these and report any suspicions.

"Often the cost for a landlord to pay for damages to a property once it has been used as a cannabis factory can be in the thousands, which is why we recommend that landlords be alert to new occupants."

Neighbours and landlords are being reminded to be alert and look out for the signs, and to report any suspicions they may have of possible drug production in their area.

Things to look out for include constantly covered windows, condensation, the smell of cannabis in the area and tampered electrical wiring.

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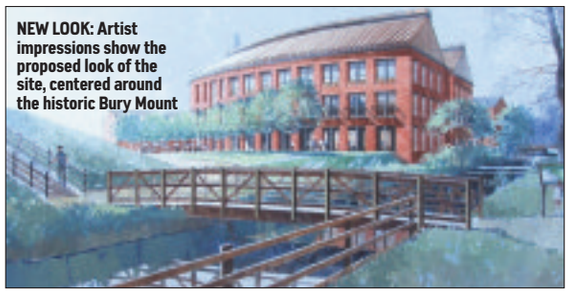
Revamp to think big

THE future of Towcester has been revealed after plans for the regeneration of the Moat Lane site were outlined on Tuesday. **LAWRENCE JOHN** takes a closer look at what the proposals mean for the town.



NEW LOOK: Artist impressions show the proposed look of the site, centered around the historic Bury Mount

A FORTY million pound re-development in the heart of Towcester was unveiled this week.

On Tuesday, South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) announced the latest plans for the development of Moat Lane.

The authority confirmed constructor/investor Morgan Sindall Investments Ltd will be its development partner for the project.

The project will centre around Bury Mount, a scheduled ancient monument, and will include a hotel, retail, 47 residential units of two or three bedrooms, a community building, a library and a new building to house the district council.

It is hoped the whole of the area will be completely transformed within the next four or five years.

Leader of South Northamptonshire Council, Councillor Mary Clarke, feels this area of town had been underplayed for too long and was overdue a makeover.

She said: "This is at the commercial heart of Towcester and we would never have done this without private funding.

"The re-development for SNC is as crucial as that of the town.

"This will all be the catalyst for further re-development.

"The council is very much a joint management team with Cherwell District Council and I am sure there will be many other authorities that will be moving into a reduced space."

Cllr Clarke described Moat Lane as a 'key site and was delighted the council would be moving into the location by 2014.

The authority would be the freehold owner of the new building and would save it £220,000 per year due to reduced running costs.

Roy Burley, from Morgan Sindall Investments, said: "We have been working with the council in the last few months to get this scheme where it is.

"In terms of starting we want to do so as soon as possible.

"Going forward, by the end of the year we will be starting construction of the new community building and infrastructure.

"Eighteen months later the residential will be started.

"The commitment shown by the local authority to move into the heart of the community is good.

"Its current building has become too large for the authority's needs.

"It has been here for 20 odd years and is at the stage where it needs a refurbishment."

It is hoped the planning application will be submitted by Morgan Sindall during the next four to five months.

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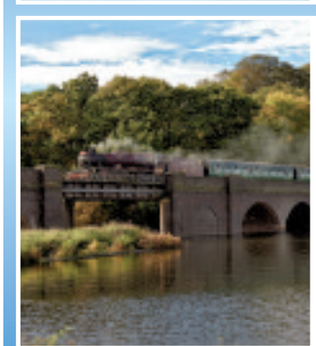

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Martin Johns, said the majority of people in Towcester would be in support of the re-development but not in favour of the council moving.

He said when the issue was first raised there had been two packed meetings with all those attending against the move and he believes it was the main reason the Conservatives lost the recent by-election.

Cllr Johns added: "The other elements of the development which are of concern is do we need another basket supermarket in town and how many car parking spaces will there be.

"What people would have preferred is to look more actively for a business/entrepreneur to be an anchor to allow the council to retain its present building."

West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) has invested around £7.5m in the Moat Lane scheme.

Peter Mawson, WNDC's chief executive, said: "The development of Towcester town centre will create new jobs and support the long term prosperity of the area.

"The Moat Lane plans have attracted national design awards and are intended to showcase the historic core of the town alongside modern new facilities."

The scheme features a proposal for an anchor store on the corner of Northampton Road complemented by a range of smaller retail units and a new civic building housing an improved town library, the county registrar's office and a shared local authority customer contact centre.

Northamptonshire County Council will provide £3m for the library and county registrar accommodation as a grant contribution to the wider scheme.

Cllr Heather Smith, county council cabinet member for customer services, said: "I am pleased to see this exciting project take an important step forward.

"This is a very significant development which will see real benefits for our customers by joining together a range of services and organisations under one roof.

"The building will be a superb setting for a new library in Towcester as well as a new home for the registry office, putting these services at the heart of Towcester's community, encouraging more people and business into the town centre and helping it to thrive."

As a result of the re-development a further 28 acres of nearby water meadow will be brought back into public use for the first time in two centuries.

A travel plan to encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport will also be produced to complement the scheme.

Details can be found at www.southnorthants.gov.uk or www.moatlane.org and in the district council's Moat Lane Project Office at its Springfields site.

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Nan's revved-up after op

A MOTORBIKING nan is back on the road after intricate surgery by Northampton hand experts.

Sally Keeling, 56, was left unable to perform everyday tasks such as cooking, opening jars, carrying shopping and even walking the dog when she developed arthritis in her left thumb.

She was particularly upset that she couldn't pick up her three grandchildren or ride her husband's Harley Davidson motorbike.

But all this is now a possibility after an operation and intensive therapy at Three Shires Hospital in Northampton, where metal screws were used to fuse the bones in her thumb to its base on the hand.

She also had to wear a cast and then a splint.

Paul and PM to put family first

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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TROUBLED families were top of the agenda when a council boss met the Prime Minister.

Yesterday, Paul Blantern, chief executive of Northamptonshire County Council, met the Prime Minister David Cameron at a Downing Street reception to mark the beginning of the national Troubled Families Initiative.

Dr Blantern had been invited to represent the county at the event marking the partnership between central and local government to turn around the lives of 120,000 families who experience problems.

Dr Blantern said: "The government has offered local authorities 40 per cent of the cost of interventions which will be paid primarily on the achievement of successful outcomes. "Those outcomes include getting children back into school, getting parents back into employment and reducing criminal and anti-social behaviour.

"In Northamptonshire, we're currently leading on identifying which families would benefit most from participating in the initiative.

"I'm confident we can build further on the success of our Family Intervention Project which has attracted national attention for its targeted support for families."

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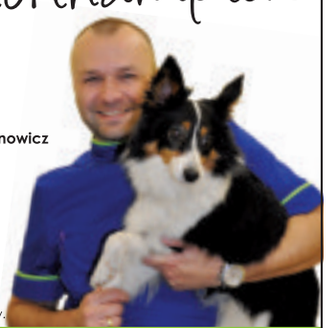

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Gasometer campaign is still burning strong

I AM writing on behalf of all supporters of the Campaign to Save Northampton's Historic Gasometers to thank the *Herald & Post* for its continuing coverage and support of our efforts to secure proper recognition of the public's views on the future of these landmark structures.

The objective of the campaign has not been to prevent development of Northampton's Waterside Enterprise Zone – quite the opposite.

We welcome the prospects for growth and employment the enterprise zone will bring; however, we also recognise how this would also create an opportunity for integration of the south gasometer into a new, eye-catching modern building; a true focal point for the modern commercial centre.

We have been seeking the cooperation of the landowners, National Grid, along with West Northamptonshire Development Corporation, South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership and last, but by no means least, Northampton Borough Council, to take these thoughts out to the wider public and commercial interests.

The council's support is important as it is the local planning authority as well as holding responsibility for safeguarding our town's heritage.

Regrettably, the administration at the borough council sees only scrap value in the south gasometer and not the potential to do what other towns and cities have done to preserve and celebrate their historic buildings.

This flies in the face of the findings of the March 2008 "Historic Buildings and Regeneration Opportunities" council sub-committee report, which was chaired by the present deputy leader of the council, and makes a mockery of the cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and planning's pledge on March 20, 2012 that: "As the town develops and grows we will be making sure our fascinating history is respected and celebrated." Words are cheap and have been exposed as such by the cabinet member's opinion of the south gasometer as "a pile of old girders."

Contrary to the impression your newspaper's headline writers might have given, the campaign has not "run out of gas" (*pictured*).

What is running out is time; time to save the gasometers from demolition and time to explore the development opportunity outlined above. The Guildhall administration is denying the public its say on this issue, which is why the Campaign to Save Northampton's Historic Gasometers is planning a public seminar on the threats which any number of our town's fine buildings may or do face.

Paul Varnsverry
Delapre, Northampton

Anger as rescue bid finally runs out of gas

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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CAMPAIGNERS calling for one of Northampton's gasometers to be saved have branded comments by a senior borough councillor as 'appalling'.

On Monday Northampton Borough Councillors debated a motion from the Liberal Democrat group, calling for public consultation on how the south gasometer in Towcester Road might be integrated into a

Fuel hike shows a lack of understanding

THE Chancellor's refusal to axe the proposed 3p per litre increase in fuel duty is a kick in the guts for hard-working families.

People in my constituency – and indeed across the country – are struggling to pay for fuel and by refusing to cut the proposed rise, the Government has again shown it simply does not understand the challenges people face in their everyday lives.

The Chancellor should have cut fuel duty and promoted growth. It's ludicrous that the Government keeps clobbering the hard-pressed motorist.

Of course, rising fuel prices will also hit hauliers and delivery people, which will subsequently lead to an increase in the cost of goods and food everywhere.

He should also have helped small businesses more by tackling legislation such as the Agency Workers Directive, which is predicted to cost the economy 100,000 jobs, and the Working Time Directive which has cost the NHS alone £2b over the last two years.

What was interesting to note was the Chancellor's revelation the UK economy is poised to grow this year by 0.8 per cent. Meanwhile the Eurozone continues to contract – yet another reason why we should get out of the EU.

Derek Clark
UKIP MEP East Midlands

Budget proves Tory switch was correct

WELL done to Councillor David Palethorpe, who stood by his principals and resigned as leader of the Conservatives to join the Labour party on Northampton Borough Council.

He said he had to resign because the Tories were only interested in looking after themselves.

After last week's budget he has been proved correct. Big tax cuts for the very rich by cutting the 50p tax. And abolishing tax allowances for all those who are over 65 years of age.

We are all in this together. You're having a laugh. More like back to the eighties.

Henry Jones
By email

Petrol increase was a shocking decision

I WAS aghast at yet another increase in fuel prices when I went out on budget day, Wednesday, March 21.

Petrol is £1.37 to £1.39 and diesel now well into the mid £1.40s.

The Conservative party intimated it would set up a mechanism to moderate or stabilise fuel prices to the motor user, but I've noticed prices rising from about £1.30 about Christmas time to the present £1.37 or more.

I've read that the price of crude oil has dropped recently, and the fuel companies don't seem to struggle to make substantial profits.

When he next writes a piece for this newspaper, can Peter Bone MP clarify what is going on?

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Caravan rage driver banned

BY LAUREN DAVIS
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A RETIRED caravan owner has been banned from driving after he swerved into a car in a fit of road rage.

Thomas Douglas, 65, tried to overtake another driver using the left-hand lane after becoming "frustrated" because she was driving at a steady 50mph.

Recorder William Harbage QC said: "It is only by the grace of God that there wasn't a serious accident."

The victim said the pensioner shook his fist at her as his motorhome forced her vehicle towards the central reservation on the A14 between Northampton and Market Harborough.

Michael Waterfield, prosecuting at Northampton Crown Court on Monday, said the Renault Megane driver had to slow down to allow space for lorries pulling out in front of her. Mr Waterfield said: "There is nothing in the evidence to show that she was driving in anyway improperly or inconsiderately.

"Out of frustration and impatience with her driving, he decided to overtake her in the left-hand lane and then move towards her as he drove past.

"As he moved by into the right-hand lane she had to brake and he collided with her left wing, causing a dent."

Mr Grey, mitigating, said that Douglas's type 2 diabetes caused him to have mood swings and to lose his temper quickly.

He said: "His wife confirms that he is capable of losing his temper over quite small matters."

Asking the judge to consider suspending any custodial sentence, Mr Grey said that caravanning was "the only pleasure they have in their married life".

The pensioner was caught after his victim managed to memorise his number plate and reported the incident to police.

He pleaded guilty to dangerous driving on the day that the case was listed for trial.

Recorder Harbage said: "This was an extremely dangerous thing to do. It could have caused a very serious accident indeed.

"If you drive dangerously in this manner you put other road users at risk. Society will not approve of you.

"It is so serious that there must be a custodial sentence.

"But in the circumstances I can suspend it."

Douglas was sentenced to 12 weeks imprisonment suspended for 12 months, a supervision order for 12 months and 12 days of anger management.

He is disqualified from driving for a year and must pay £290 in costs.

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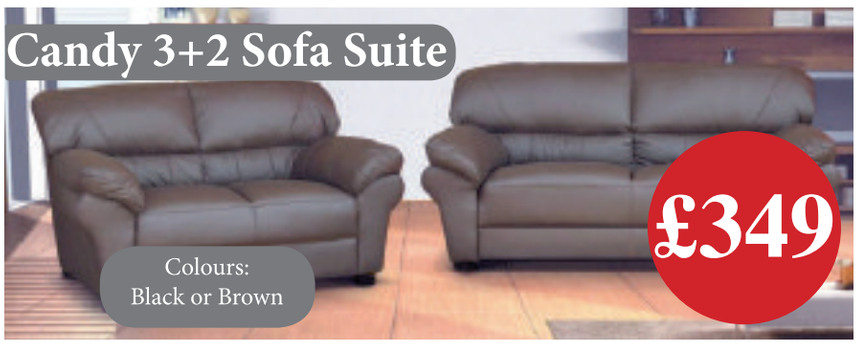

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Joining forces could help cut council costs

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A COUNCIL is looking into signing up to a new money saving partnership.

Northampton Borough Council is working with Local Government Shared Services (LGSS) to explore the potential of joining the partnership between Northamptonshire County Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.

LGSS was set up more than a year ago to provide a wide range of support services for both local authorities.

Since its establishment, the two founding authorities have saved £11 million and to join the partnership could pave the way for savings for Northampton Borough Council in administration and other back office costs.

The Northampton authority is at an early stage in negotiations with LGSS and no decision has yet been made over which services could be included in any sharing agreement.

Cllr David Mackintosh

LGSS provides a full range of back-office services including IT, HR, finance, property and asset management and legal.

Leader of the borough council, Councillor David Mackintosh said: "LGSS has proved it can deliver cutting edge services in a way that enormously reduces costs.

"We have been clear we will reduce management costs and ensure the taxpayers' money is spent effectively, with a focus on frontline services.

"We are in discussions with LGSS about how Northampton Borough Council can benefit from being part of that shared service organisation to become the leaner, more efficient organisation we need to be."

Andrew Langley, vice chairman of the LGSS joint committee, said: "We have proved the case for sharing services ourselves and are delighted to be in discussions with Northampton Borough Council to see how LGSS could benefit them.

"We are always looking for opportunities to improve the quality of business services whilst reducing the cost, and sharing services with a wider number of partners and customers would achieve this.

"As LGSS grows we expect economies of scale which would mean parties would benefit from the likely reduction in costs."

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IN TALKS: Alastair Campbell

Ex-aide Campbell in town

FORMER Blair aide Alastair Campbell is set to visit Northampton next month to talk about his career in politics and journalism, as well as his nervous breakdown.

The 54-year-old, who worked as Tony Blair's press secretary from Labour's election win in 1997, will be interviewed at a gathering of the Circle Breakfast Club on April 17, but members of the public are also invited.

Doors open at 11am at The Deco in Abington Square. A buffet and drinks will be included. To book visit www.circlebreakfastclub.wordpress.com/events

Group slams rail link's wildlife risk

BY KEELEY KNOWLES
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RARE butterflies could face a further threat from a controversial high speed rail route.

The Small Blue Butterfly is already very scarce and the High Speed 2 (HS2) route which runs through the south-western edge of the county skirting on the edge of Brackley could mean the end for Northamptonshire's last known population.

The Wildlife Trust, which covers Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, is disappointed that the first phase of the HS2 has been given the go-ahead by the Transport Secretary.

It expects serious damage to wildlife and habitats as a result of the route's construction.

It has a direct impact on a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and three Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), with two other important sites in close proximity.

Helmdon disused railway SSSI will be directly affected by the route.

The steep sides of the railway cuttings provide an important microclimate home to many species of wildflower and butterfly.

Research by the Wildlife Trusts nationally shows the route for HS2 phase one, could threaten 50 irreplaceable ancient woodlands and the habitat of rare species such as Bechstein's bat and black hairstreak butterfly.

And the Northants branch is supporting action taken by its neighbouring Trust - the Berks, Bucks and Oxon office - which is writing to the European Commission claiming that the UK Government chose the HS2 route between London and Birmingham without taking proper account of its environmental impacts.

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Penny's holding a torch

THE Olympic spirit has grabbed a 20-year-old University of Northampton student.

Penny Mitchell (***pictured***) will be one of the Olympic torch bearers who will carry the Olympic flame through the county in July.

Penny, who is studying psychology and criminology, will hold the torch when it goes through Corby on July 2.

She said: "My family nominated me and then my sister put a video online. I am excited."

Penny is a member of the Northampton Trampoline Gymnastic Academy and has been selected for the under 21 European Championships in Russia.

Club scores an 'Olympic' goal

BY LAUREN DAVIS
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A FOOTBALL club has set its sights on expansion thanks to £46,098 of Olympic legacy funding.

The money will be used to create two new pitches in Kislingbury on land next to the existing pitch.

The National Lottery funding, which guarantees the future of the pitch for decades, comes from the latest round of Sport England's Protecting Playing Fields fund.

Kislingbury Playing Fields Association bid for the investment because the club currently has insufficient space and facilities to meet demand for a number of junior teams. The project will create a new adult and junior football pitch.

Mark Chambers, Kislingbury FC secretary, said: "This is fantastic, not only for the Football Club and Playing Fields Association, but the village as a whole, as this will allow the club to continue to expand."

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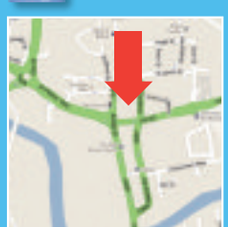

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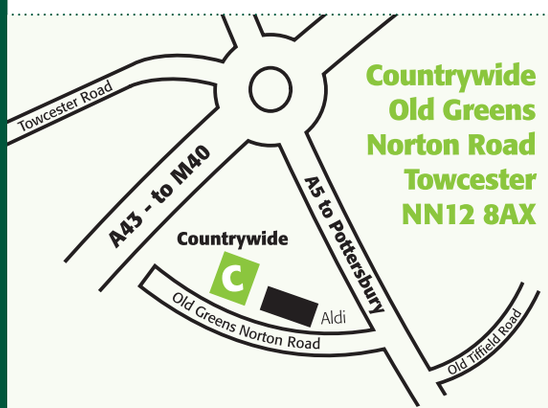

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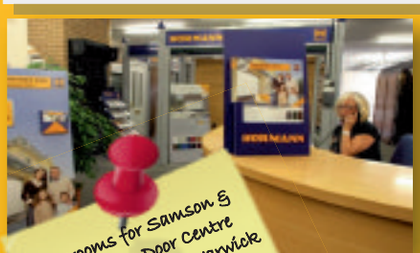

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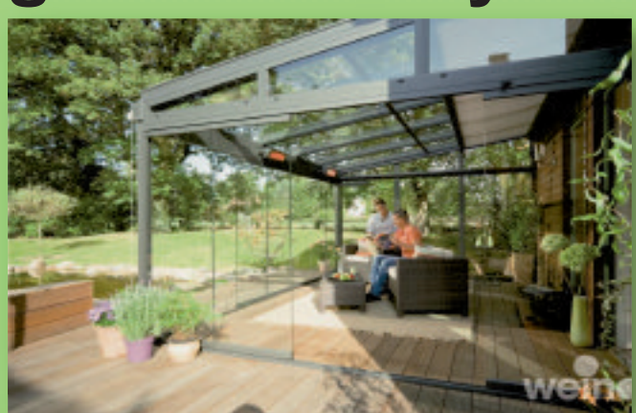

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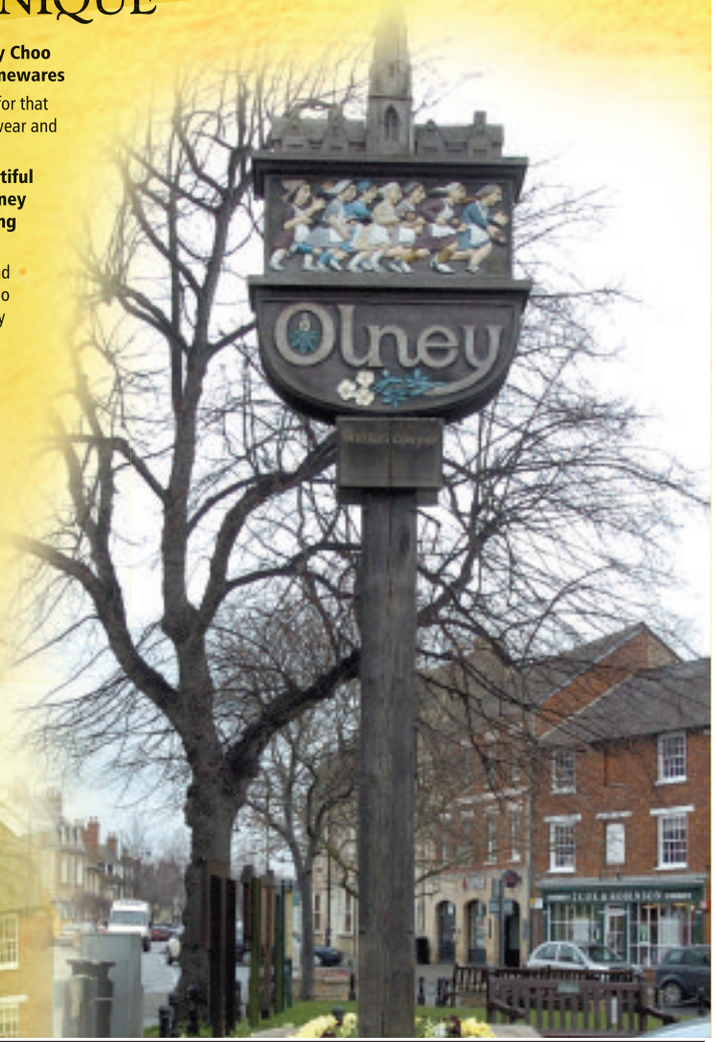

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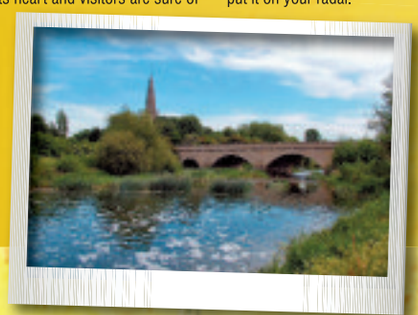

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BIKER DIES FROM CRASH INJURIES

A MOTORCYCLIST who crashed into a brick wall more than a month ago has died from his injuries.

Sean Barrett, 22, of Larkin Gardens, Higham Ferrers, was riding the bike along Duck Street on February 15, when it mounted the kerb.

The blue and white Honda CBR 125 hit the wall next to the Railway Inn pub.

The rider was taken to Kettering General Hospital, where he was found to have severe head injuries.

Mr Barrett was later transferred to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, but died on Friday morning at Northampton General Hospital.

BUDDING CHEMISTS SHOW SKILL

YOUNG scientists took part in a fun-filled day of chemistry at the University of Warwick as part of the Salters' Festival of Chemistry.

The students were from Pitsford and Winchester schools in Northampton, and Huxlow Science College and Wrenn School, in Wellingborough.

Each school was represented last week by a team of four budding chemists in the The Salters' Challenge – Money, Money, Money in which they used their analytical chemistry skills.

Later on in the day they competed in a practical challenge which tested their chemical skills in identifying how dense solutions of sodium chloride were.

BOOZE PROBLEMS ON AGENDA

ALCOHOL related problems faced by pubs and clubs in Northamptonshire will be top of the agenda at licensing workshops next month.

The county's seven licensing authorities – alongside the police, fire service and trading standards – are gearing the events mainly towards pubs and clubs.

They will be held at the Roadmender in Lady's Lane, Northampton, on Tuesday, April 24 and then the following day at Wicksteed Park in Kettering.

The purpose of the workshops is to look at the four licensing objectives set out by the 2003 Licensing Act and for all partners to outline their expectations from the trade.

Best practice will be shared during the events and there will be opportunities to ask questions and give feedback to the various partners.

Licensees wishing to attend are asked to email mark.worthington@northants.police.uk

FIRM'S READY FOR HEROIC EFFORT

AMONG the colourful air ambulance supporters participating in this year's Heroes Run at Holdenby House on April 29, will be a green team from the Travis Perkins' head offices in Duston, Northampton.

The 50-strong team will be hoping for plenty of vocal support as they tackle the 5k and 10K course to raise valuable funds to keep the local air ambulance service flying and saving lives.

Entries are pouring in from individuals and teams – and can still be made online at www.wnaa.co.uk/heroesrun

For those looking for a tougher challenge there is also the option for a single lap 10k route.

The air ambulance is hoping to beat last year's numbers and fundraising target.

Tracy Grunwell, air ambulance fundraising manager, said: "I am thrilled with the support offered by Travis Perkins.

"It's our biggest team to enter so far. We're hoping to raise £20,000 from our Heroes Run at Holdenby, and it's really heart-warming to see both patients and supporters taking part."

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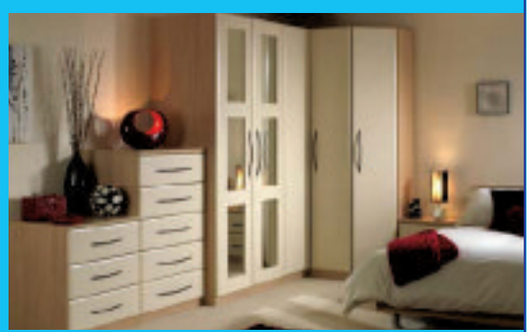

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Positive work of Sea Cadets nets them top honour

NORTHAMPTON and Wellingborough Sea Cadets have been given the Freedom of the Borough.

Mayor of Northampton, Councillor Jamie Lane, gave the honour to the Northampton and Wellingborough Sea Cadets on Saturday.

The event was held at the Guildhall, before the cadets' annual HMS Laforey Memorial Parade through the town centre on Sunday (pictured).

They paraded in front of the Guildhall before proceeding through the town to the Market Square.

The honour recognises the cadets' positive contribution to the town since they were founded and in appreciation of the outstanding services of the Sea Cadets working with young people, representing Northampton and bringing prestige to the town through their many successes in winning honours.

Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, said: "The Freedom of the Borough is an expression of the high esteem and regard in which the Sea Cadets are held and I am proud that we are honouring them in this way.

"The cadets are an important part of our community, giving young people a positive activity to get involved with and a chance to demonstrate everything that is good about our town.

"We have some fantastic groups and organisations in our town, the Northampton and Wellingborough Sea Cadets being an excellent example, so it is only fitting we show how proud we are of them."

Lieutenant Chris Read, commanding officer of Northampton Sea Cadets, said: "We are honoured to have received this unique privilege and it is very rare for a youth group to receive the freedom of their home town for which we are thankful.

"The local young people in the Sea Cadets benefit from much support from the local community and the borough, without this we would not be able to help our 100 young people aged between ten and 18 years to responsible adulthood. We are lucky to be counted as one of the top Sea Cadet units in the country offering, active, challenging, rewarding and fun experiences for our young people based on watersports and our country's maritime heritage."

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School vehicles given red light

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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UNSAFE vehicles used to transport children to and from schools in the county have been removed from the roads.

Fifty-six vehicles used by schoolchildren were checked between March 12 and 23.

It was part of Operation Coachman, a co-ordinated national campaign to ensure the safety of young passengers.

Officers from Northamptonshire Police, together with staff from Northamptonshire County Council and the Vehicle & Operator Services Agency (VOSA) were involved in the initiative.

Taxis, coaches and minibuses used to transport children were examined to check they were on the road legally, helping to ensure passenger safety.

Of the 56 vehicles checked, action was taken against five of the drivers.

The consequences ranged from immediate prohibitions for a broken seat and a locked emergency door, to fixed penalty notices for defective tyres and warnings for a leaking oil hub.

Deputy Chief Constable Suzette Davenport said: "These checks throughout Northamptonshire have been part of a national campaign and our ongoing efforts to improve standards and vehicle maintenance, to ensure the safety of children travelling to school. Companies with the responsibility for transporting children must ensure that their drivers and vehicles are fit for the purpose."

Sergeant Jon Hodgson added: "Further school transport checks will be made throughout the year and I would urge all drivers to ensure that their vehicles are fit for each journey they make."

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Your entertainment guide

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COMPETITION

FOUR lucky readers have the chance to win a day of rural fun at the fair.

The *Herald & Post* has teamed up with Countryman Fairs to offer four people the chance to win a family ticket to Kelmarsh Country Fair which takes place on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22.

The family ticket admits two adults and three children and the winners can decide which day of the event to attend.

Kelmarsh Country Fair kick-starts the event season, offering lots of family fun, features and attractions.

Set amid the beautiful Northamptonshire and Leicestershire countryside, this year's event has a line-up to keep all ages and interests entertained.

There will be a new countryside arena to the showground, plus world-class main arena acts including the Northamptonshire Pipe Band, David Seamark and his superb Sheepdog Display, ex-world champion Boyd Excell and his Carriage Driving Display, plus national charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, which will bring with them 'Merlin's Mission', a most worthy cause that works to achieve greater independence, confidence and companionship for deaf people. Kelmarsh Country Fair also plays host to old family favourites which include Ye Olde Redtail Falconry, Cyril the Squirrel, wildlife displays, ferret racing, simulators, bungee trampolines, junior archery and cross-bows.

There is also crafts and antiques fairs, a Food Festival offering home-grown food-stuffs and produce, a licensed bar and picnic areas, countryside sports and championships, including both the Mitsubishi Motors World Series Clay Shooting and Gundog Championships, plus an array of countryside stores selling clothing and accessories.

For more information visit www.countrymanfairs.co.uk

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On the Sunday there will also be the Companion Dog Show with proceeds going to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Rural demonstration skills include braiding, spinning and weaving, cookery and wine tasting, arts, crafts and gifts marquees as well as lifestyle and food stalls will be on offer.

Entry is £7 for adults, £6 concessions and £3 for children aged five to 16. A family ticket is £16 for two adults and two children.

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REVOLTING ACTIVITIES
ROALD Dahl's Revolting Rhymes will be brought to life in a drama course at Royal & Derngate this Easter.

Children aged from seven to 12 can enjoy four days of creative activities from Monday, April 2 to Thursday, April 5, culminating in an informal performance for family and friends.

It costs £80. Contact 01604 624811.

Grease role's a teen dream

How rugby injury got Rhydian singing

THEATRE

GREASE
Royal & Derngate
April 30 to May 5

STAGE star and former X Factor contestant Rhydian Roberts wouldn't 'give it all up' to play one game of rugby for Wales.

His fellow countryman and Hollywood actor, Richard Burton, once said he would rather play for Wales at Cardiff Arms Park than to play Hamlet at the Old Vic.

Both Welshmen had a love of the game and could have had a future playing rugby at club level and maybe even on the international stage.

Rhydian was originally going to be a professional rugby player before fate intervened.

He had attended Llandovery College, which has a tradition of producing Welsh internationals, and was one of the pupils expected to further his rugby career.

Rhydian said: "I had to make a decision when I was 18/19 years old.

"I had a groin injury which put me out of action for a year so it was not a difficult decision to concentrate on my singing career.

"I would have played for Swansea RFC and then the Ospreys but I don't know if I would have been good enough to play for Wales. I am glad I made the decision I did."

The first time most people heard of Rhydian was when he appeared on the X Factor in 2007 – he was the runner-up.

The show put him firmly in the spotlight and was the launch pad for his career.

Reflecting on what he learnt by appearing on the ITV talent show, he said: "The X Factor taught me a lot about television.

"It showed me how shows are made for television and what you have to do to sing in front of 14 million viewers.

"It certainly showed me I had to have a thick skin and if you are on television it puts you under a lot of scrutiny.

"It also showed me I had to trust my instincts and listen to what Simon Cowell said I should do. I didn't just want to go on and do a 12 week period and that was it.

"I wanted to go beyond this and it was the beginnings of a career.

"Five years after appearing on it I am selling out concerts and performing."

His latest role is Teen Angel in Grease which will arrive at Northampton's Royal & Derngate at the end of next month.

It is not a large role, indeed it only last four minutes and consists of one song. But far from being put off by such a small role, Rhydian is delighted to be re-joining the cast after a few weeks away and enjoys his crossover work from concerts to theatres.

He said: "It is four minutes and I love it. It is not like I have to go on cold and sing Nessun Dorma. It is good fun."

One aspect of his life which Rhydian does enjoy is 'going home' back to Sennybridge in Wales.

He feels going there keeps him grounded and helps to re-charge his batteries for the next show.

Rhydian said: "I go home to genuine people who don't treat me any differently."

Tickets for Grease are available from 01604 624811 or visit www.royalandderngate.co.uk

HE'S IN FINE VOICE: Rhydian Roberts, and above, on stage in Grease as Teen Angel

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STALLS WITH A HOMEMADE TOUCH

A VINTAGE and homemade fair will be held at the Northampton Events Centre, in Lower Harding Street, Northampton, on Monday, April 9 from noon to 4pm.

There will be stalls, refreshments and cakes. Children can also meet the Easter Bunny and take part in a hunt.

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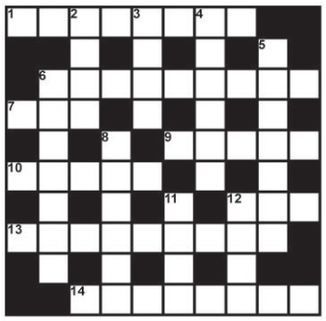

QUICKSOLVE?

ACROSS
1.Healing (8)
6.Field bird (9)
7.Quick swim (3)
9.Crockery (5)
10.Result (5)
12.Peak (3)
13.Biscuit type (9)
14.Understudied (8)

DOWN
2.Dice (4)
3.Airway (4)
4.Not often (6)
5.Ninepin (7)
6.Lap (7)
8.Difficult birth (6)
11.Horse farm (4)
12.Declare (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
ACROSS: 1.Mushrooms 6.Astrologer 7.Cygnet 10.Jet set 13.Overcharge 14.Songsters
DOWN: 1.Misty 2.Siren 3.Relate 4.Organs 5.Sprint 7.Canoes 8.Govern 9.Ejects 11.Tease 12.Edges

BRAIN STRAIN

G L
N G
I
N H
T I

How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 19 Maestro: 28+

E	D	E	W	S	T	H
S	M	I	T	E	E	C
M	E	A	N	S	D	T
A	M	P	L	E	A	A
P	O	A	A	B	V	P
L	T	U	L	L	E	E
E	E	E	G	N	A	R

MATCH FIVE

Amongst all the five letter words, can you find the five that appear in both grids? (Forwards, backwards, up, down, straight or diagonal)

P	R	A	N	K	E	T
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O	T	S	U	G	S	E
V	T	I	L	E	D	S
E	Y	Y	S	D	U	S

ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN
LIGHTNING, Gill, Gang, Gilim, Glinting, Hill, Hing, Hinging, Hint, Hinting, Inh, Inill, Light, Lighting, Lignin, Ling, Linin, Lining, Linn, Lint, Litn, Nigh, Night, Nihil, Ninth, Nithing, Thig, Thin, Thing, Tilling, Ting, Tinging, Tinging 8?2?

FIND THE WORDS

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U	E	T	C	L	M	L	P	P	R	E	O	D
L	P	L	U	R	E	D	N	U	O	F	O	P
P	U	P	I	D	S	E	P	A	L	L	O	C

Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Fall: *Flop, Ebb, Plunge, Dip, Sink, Plummet, Tumble, Subside, Decrease, Pitch, Fall, Collapse, Topple, Crash, Slump, Dive Upset, Founder, Spill, Purler*

ANSWER: MATCH FIVE
PASTE, STAMP, AMPLE, SLATE, TABLE

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Fun!	+	1	÷
31	3	x	6

Use all the numbers and signs to make the star total. Do calculations in strict order from left to right with no brackets - eg 3x8-1÷1+6=29
Last week: 8 + 2 x 5 – 4 ÷ 2 = 23

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SINGERS' EASTER CONCERT
THE Seasonal Singers will present a concert of music for Passiontide at the Abington Avenue United Reformed Church in Northampton on Good Friday, April 6 at 7.30pm.
The main work will be a performance of the French composer Gabriel Fauré's beautiful and reflective Requiem written in 1888, shortly after the death of his parents.
Also in the programme are two short early anthems by Elgar. Admission is free.

Cross these numbers off your Beacon Bingo ticket for your chance to win a Cobblers season ticket

Ipswich	9th Aug	39, 53
Aldershot	13th Aug	1
Bristol Rovers	16th Aug	64
Cheltenham Town	20th Aug	38, 50
Huddersfield Town	30th Aug	41
Southend Utd	3rd Sept	60, 65
AFC Wimbledon	13th Sept	17, 73, 77
Macclesfield Town	17th Sept	44
Dagenham & Redbridge	24th Sept	16, 59
Barnet	1st Oct	51, 89
Hereford Utd	25th Oct	63
Rotherham Utd	29th Oct	23
Gillingham	5th Nov	35, 54, 60
Shrewsbury Town	19th Nov	48, 85
Plymouth Argyle	26th Nov	90
Crewe Alexandra	10th Nov	16
Burton Albion	26th Dec	1, 12
Swindon Town	31st Dec	22
Shrewsbury Town	2nd Jan	22
Morecambe	7th Jan	21, 52
Southend	14th Jan	10, 43
Barnet	21st Jan	8
AFC Wimbledon	14th Feb	79
Macclesfield Town	21st Feb	25, 45, 52
Port Vale	25th Feb	81
Cheltenham Town	3rd Mar	20, 35
Bristol Rovers	6th Mar	1, 9, 20
Aldershot Town	10th Mar	19, 40, 57
Dagenham & Redbridge	12th Mar	62
Accrington Stanley	17th Mar	69
Burton Albion	20th Mar	90

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Duston
NEW

£170,000
- Off Road Parking
- Three Bedrooms
- Excellent Location
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Close to Local Amenities
- Viewing is a Must

Duston

£94,950
- Three Bedrooms
- End Of Terrace
- No Upper Chain
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating

Duston

£135,000
- Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- No Upper Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Large Single Garage
- Wet Room
- Viewing is Highly Recommended

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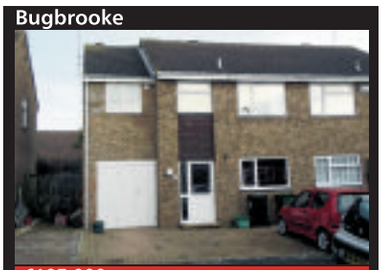

£195,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- En-suite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing

Duston

£125,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Mid Terrace Property
- No Upper Chain
- Double Glazing Wear Specified
- Off Road Parking

Duston

£185,000
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Master With Ensuite
- Finished to a High Standard
- Kitchen/Diner
- Gated Off Road Parking and Garage

St Crispins

£149,950
- Two Bedrooms
- Alllocated Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Maintain to A High Standard by The Current Vendor
- Excellent First Time Purchase

Duston

£99,950
- Three Bedrooms
- 'Ryan Hill' area
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Double glazing
- Gardens
- No upper chain

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Duston

£215,000

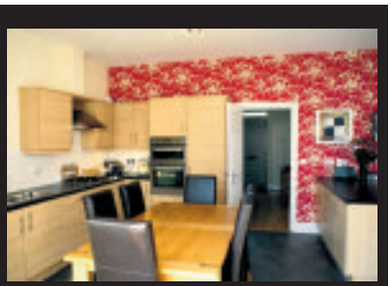
- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Conservatory
- Utility
- Two Reception Rooms
- En-suite to Master
- Garage and Off Road Parking

Knightsthorpe

£165,000

- Three Bed Semi Detached
- Built by Messrs David Wilson Homes
- Extremely Well Presented
- Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
- No Upper Chain
- Viewing is Essential

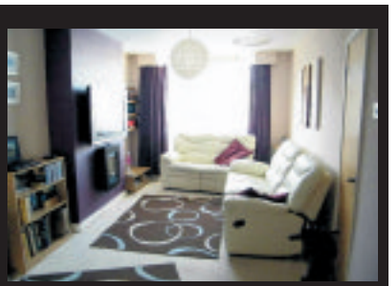
Upton



£270,000

- Detached Three Storey Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Sought after Location
- Two Ensuite and Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking for Two Cars
- Enclosed Rear Garden

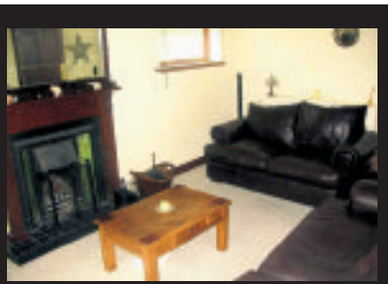
Duston



£185,000

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- En-suite to Master
- Extended to Side and Rear
- Utility Room
- Garage and Off Road Parking

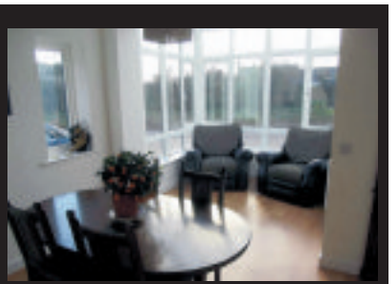
Duston



£249,995

- Four Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom & Utility
- Garage
- Jack & Jill Bathroom
- Early Viewing Essential

Upton



£350,000

- Five Bedroom
- Detached Eco Home
- Separate Reception Rooms
- En-suite to Master
- Dressing Room
- Garage and Off Road Parking

Duston

£149,995

- Two bedroom detached bungalow
- Garage
- Off road parking
- Conservatory
- Attic room
- Front and rear gardens

Duston

£125,000

- No Upper Chain
- Two Bedroom
- Cottage
- Heart Of Rural Duston
- Courtyard Style Rear Garden
- Good Size Front Garden

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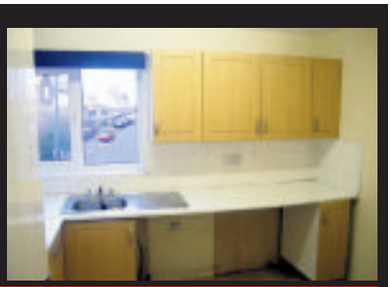
St. James

NEW

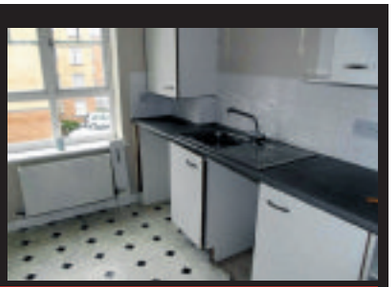


£95,000

- Two Bedroom
- Split Level Apartment
- Very Well Presented
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- No Upper Chain

Northampton

NEW



£105,000

- Two Bedroom
- Second Floor
- No Upper Chain
- Close to Town Centre
- Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing

St. James

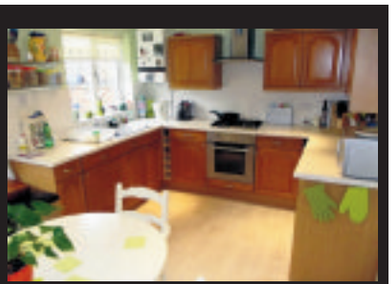
NEW

£75,000

- Two Bedroom ground floor Apartment
- No upper chain
- Ideal for a first time buyer
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Allocated parking

East Hunsbury

NEW



£164,500

Three Bedroom
Semi Detached
Garage in a Block
Double Glazing
Gas Heating
Very Nicely Presented Throughout

West Hunsbury

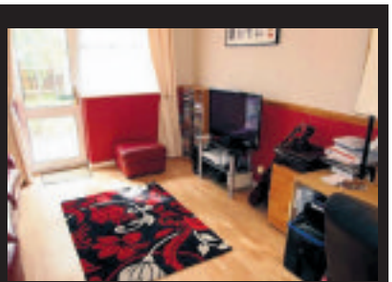
NEW

£180,000

- Chalet Style Detached Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Single Garage
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Early Viewing Essential
- Double Glazing

Northampton

NEW



Offers Over £110,000

- Two Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Ideal for First Time Buyers
- Front and Rear Gardens

East Hunsbury

NEW

£185,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- No Upper Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Conservatory

West Hunsbury

£250,000

- Three Bedrooms Detached Bungalow
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Two Driveways
- Garage
- Rear Garden

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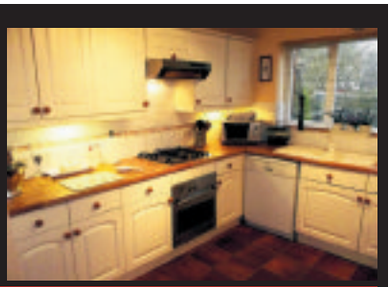
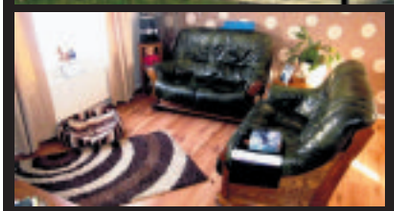


£280,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Master with Dressing Area and Ensuite
- Close to Overstone Golf Club
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Detached Double Garage

Ecton Brook

NEW PRICE



£123,500

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens

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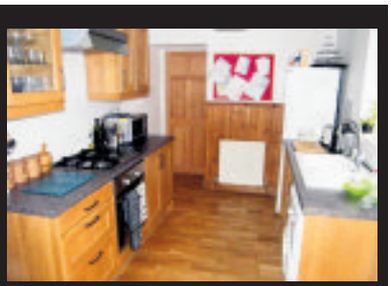
NEW



£131,999

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- No Upper Chain
- Lounge/Diner
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Bay Fronted

Rothersthorpe

O.I.E.O £200,000

- No Upper Chain
- Four Bedrooms
- Detached
- Recently Refurbished
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking to Garage

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NEW PRICE

£104,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Kingsley

NEW PRICE

O.I.E.O £120,000

- Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upper Chain
- Ideal For First Time Buyer
- Rear Extension
- Front and Rear Gardens

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Front and Rear Gardens
Garage and Off Road Parking.

Talbot Road

NEW

£35,000

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Gas to Radiator Heating
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Kingsthorpe

£150,000

- Chalet Style Property
- Large Lounge/Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking And Garage
- Four Piece Family Bathroom
- Viewing is Recommended

Moulton

O.I.E.O £135,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Popular Village Location
- Well Presented
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Generous Rear Garden
- Garage to the Rear

Kingsthorpe

£130,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Gas to Radiator Central Heating
- No Upper Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing is a Must

Brixworth

£130,000

Two Bedrooms
End of Terrace
Sun Room
Rear Garden
Garage
Viewing is Essential

Public Notice

£85,000

2 Prentice Court, Northampton, NN3 8XS. We have received an offer of £79,000 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. Bairstow Eves, 4 Bridge Street, Northampton, NN1 1NW 01604 624033

Kingsthorpe

O.I.E.O £130,000

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- No Upper Chain
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Wet room
- Separate Reception Rooms

Kingsthorpe

£220,000

- Five Bedroom Semi Detached Family Home
- Extended and Improved Property Throughout
- Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom Suites
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Detached Oversized Garage In excess of 28ft

Parklands

£205,000

- Well Presented Three Bedroom Detached
- Extended Providing Spacious Family Accommodation
- Refitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Early Viewing is Essential

Spinney Hill

£399,950

- Deceptively Spacious Six Bedroom House
- Double Glazing W/S
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Larger Than Average Single Garage
- Master Ensuite
- Five Piece Family Bathroom

Moulton

£450,000

- Detached Village Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Ensuites
- Cloakroom
- Annexe
- Front & Rear Garden

Booth Rise

O.I.E.O £275,000

- Extended Five Bedroom Detached Home
- Generous Rear Garden
- Versatile Accommodation Throughout
- Large Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Single Garage
- Generous Off Road Parking

Boothville

£180,000

- Renovated
- Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Exceptionally well presented
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Single Garage
- No upper chain

Brixworth

£190,000

- Four Bedroom
- Detached House
- Integral Single Garage
- Village Location
- Gardens To Front And Rear
- Viewing is a Must

Brampton Park

£95,000

- Brampton Park
- One Bedroom Cluster Home
- Galleried Bedroom
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Viewing is a Must

Kingsthorpe

£85,000

- One bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Heart of Kingsthorpe village
- Allocated Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Early viewing essential

Queens Park

£250,000

- Traditional Victorian Heritage Property
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite To Master
- Double Garage
- Fully Refurbished
- Double Glazing

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AN EXCITING block of town centre offices in a landmark building has become available to let in Northampton.

The accommodation at Newspaper House, Derngate comprises approximately 8,500 square feet of first and second floor space previously used by the Herald & Post Newspaper who are leaving the premises this month and moving elsewhere in town.

The Derngate premises are largely open plan and suitable for a variety of office uses or as a call centre.

There is also a basement of about 8,500 square feet, formerly a snooker club. This would be suitable as a restaurant, cocktail lounge, daycare nursery, Karaoke club, snooker club or for secure and easily accessible storage.

The ground floor of the building is presently rented to Derngate Gym health club, Northampton's original budget gym. The owner has recently signed a seven year lease for this vibrant club which has more than 1,400 members and is currently undergoing renovations.

Vibrant

The building faces Derngate Theatre and is adjacent to the St John's and Angel Enterprise Zones. It is just up the road from the exciting new Marina development and parking is available close by at St John's multi-storey car park.

In the next two years Northampton is set to become a vibrant, fast-developing town and is an excellent place to start a business or re-locate to.

Last week Northampton Borough Council unveiled plans that include regeneration projects for the town which include schemes to expand the Grosvenor Centre and demolish the Greyfriars Bus Station and relocate it on the old Fishmarket site.

Other plans include a new state-of-the-art railway station, which it is hoped will attract millions of pounds of new business into the town.

Leader of Northampton Borough Councillor David Mackintosh said at the launch: "The vision for a vibrant town with a dynamic economy is coming to fruition and so many different agencies are coming together to ensure Northampton will become a great place to live, work and invest in."

Charles Church at Underwoods is handling lettings at Newspaper House. He can be contacted at 01604 783004.

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'Proud' Kia's celebrating top design honours for Rio and Picanto models

KIA'S Rio and Picanto models have been honoured in a prestigious European design competition.

The maker's striking A-segment Picanto and B-segment Rio were both winners in red dot's internationally-acclaimed 'Product Design' category, in a competition that saw more than 4,500 products entered by 1,800 manufacturers from 58 countries.

These latest wins bring Kia's red dot awards total to six, with the Soul winning in 2009, Venga in 2010, and both Sportage and Optima claiming top spots last year.

Optima was also named 'best of the best' in 2011 – the red dot competition's highest accolade for ground-breaking design, for which only the best products in each category are eligible.

Kia's chief officer, Peter Schreyer, said: "We are very proud of the red dot awards for the Picanto and the Rio.

"They are a great tribute to our entire global design team, because all three Kia design centres were involved in the development of both vehicles.

"I am particularly happy about this thoroughly creative and successful collaboration between our teams in Korea, Europe and America."

The red dot product design awards are one of the world's major design contests and have been held by the Design Centre of North Rhine-Westphalia since 1955. This year's awards will be presented to winners at a gala event in Essen, Germany, in July.

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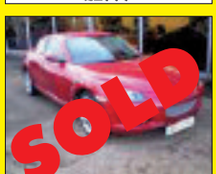

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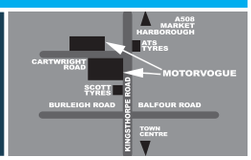

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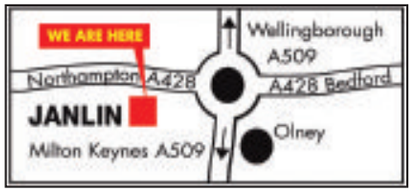

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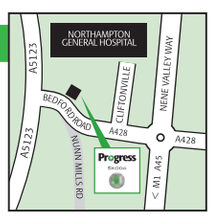

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The closing date for all applications is Thursday 19th April 2012. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 8th May 2012.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT AND NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH) (30 MPH, 40 MPH AND 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council propose to make an Order under Sections 82, 83 and 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 30 mph, 40 mph or 50 mph along the lengths of roads as specified in the Schedules below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the exact lengths of road to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at the offices of the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours or at the following libraries during their normal opening times:-

Northampton Central, Roade, Towcester, Brackley.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX by 19th April 2012.

Dated this 29th day of March 2012

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/1126

Schedule 1 (30 mph speed limit)

Green Lane, Charlton – from a point 6 metres north-west of its junction with Myers Close for a distance of 145 metres in a north-westerly direction;

Banbury Lane, Cold Higham / Fosters Booth – from a point 34 metres south-west of its junction with Watling Street (A5) to a point 145 metres south-west of its junction with Church Lane, Cold Higham;

Church Lane, Cold Higham / Fosters Booth – entire length

Portway, Croughton – from its junction with Portway Drive for a distance of 155 metres in a southerly direction;

Brackley Road, Croughton – from a point 150 metres north-east of its junction with Park End for a distance of 70 metres in a northerly direction;

Mixbury Road, Evenley – from a point 76 metres south-east of its junction with Bicester Hill for a distance of 166 metres in a south-easterly direction;

Eastcote Road, Gayton – from a point 82 metres south-west of its junction with Hillcrest Road for a distance of 300 metres in a south-westerly direction;

Slapton Hill, Slapton – from a point 178 metres south-west of its junction with Chapel Lane to a point 270 metres south-west of that junction;

Old Greens Norton Road, Towcester – entire length;

The Causeway / Station Road / Billing Road (Northampton to Brafield on the Green) – from its junction with Crow Lane to a point 21 metres south of Station Road, Little Houghton.

Brackley Road / Towcester Road, Silverstone – from a point 110 metres west of Dadford Road to a point 128 metres north-east of Kingsley Road;

Whittlebury Road, Silverstone – from its junction with Towcester Road to a point 8 metres east of that junction;

Dadford Road, Silverstone – from its junction with Brackley Road to a point 110 metres south of that junction.

Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford – from its junction with Winston Close to a point 747 metres south-west of that junction.

Schedule 2 (40 mph speed limit)

South View, Harpole – entire length.

Passenham Road, Passenham – from a point 42 metres east of its junction with Buckingham Road (A422) to a point 690 metres east of that junction.

Dadford Road, Silverstone – from a point 110 metres south of Brackley Road to the County Boundary with Buckinghamshire;

Brackley Road, Silverstone – from a point 110 metres west of Dadford Road to a point 111 metres west of West End.

Schedule 3 (50 mph speed limit)

Banbury Lane, Pattishall – from its junction with Watling Street (A5) for a distance of 34 metres in a south-westerly direction;

Butcher's Lane, Pattishall – from its junction with Watling Street (A5) for a distance of 50 metres in a north-easterly direction;

Northampton Road, Roade / Courteenhall – from a point 50 metres north of its junction with London Road to a point 30 metres north of its junction with Blisworth Road;

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT)
(30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 82 (2) & 83 (2) and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 30 mph along those lengths of roads as specified in the Schedule below.

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If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

This Order will become effective on the 30th of March 2012.

Dated this 29th day of March 2012
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/1025

SCHEDULE

Ashton
Roade Hill – from a point 250 metres north of its junction with Stoke Road to a point 420 metres north of that junction

Culworth
Sulgrave Road – from its junction with Barley Hill to a point 149 metres south of that junction

Denton
Bedford Road – from its junction with Bypass Way to a point 98 metres east of that junction

Eydon
Hollow Way / Culworth Road – from its junction with Lime Avenue to a point 245 metres south-west of that junction

Helmdon
Church Street – from its junction with Shortlands Close to a point 492 metres south of that junction; Station Road – from its junction with Hinton's Close to a point 217 metres south of that junction

Kings Sutton
Upper Astrop Road – from its junction with Orchard Way to a point 180 metres north-east of that junction; Banbury Lane – from a point 196 metres north of its junction with Bull's Lane to a point 506 metres north of its junction with Sandringham Road; Mill Lane – from its junction with Holland Rise to a point 114 metres south of that junction

Thorpe Mandeville
Townsend Lane – from its junction with The Warren to a point 216 metres west of that junction

Weedon Lois
Wappenham Road – from its junction with The Green to a point 251 metres north-east of that junction; High Street – entire length; The Green – entire length; Vicarage Rise – entire length; The Paddock – entire length; Milthorpe – entire length; Ashwell Road – from a point 131 metres west of its junction with Milthorpe to a point 150 metres south of that junction; Weston Road – entire length; Middlethorpe – entire length

Weston
Weedon Lois Road – entire length; Plumpton Road – from its junction with Weedon Lois Road to a point 75 metres north-east of that junction; The Green – entire length; High Street – from its junction with Weedon Lois Road to a point 410 metres north-west of its junction with Helmdon Road; Grove Lane – entire length; Helmdon Road – from its junction with High Street to a point 319 metres south-west of that junction

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(a)
THE A43 TRUNK ROAD (TOWCESTER TO SILVERSTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A43 Trunk Road between Towcester and Silverstone in the County of Northamptonshire to allow maintenance work to be carried out to electronic traffic detection equipment.

The effect of the Order will be to close the southbound carriageway of the A43 from its roundabout junction with Brackley Road and the road leading to Abthorpe at Towcester (Abthorpe Roundabout) to its junction with the entry slip road leading from the A413 at Silverstone.

The work will be carried out over one night between 22:00 hours and 05:00 hours and is expected to start on Friday 20 April 2012. The Order will come into force on 17 April 2012.

Vehicles being used by the emergency services and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closure. Access to property will be maintained at all times. A diversion route via A5 and A422 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Pat Lee, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 07540 701548.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT)
(40 MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT REVOCATION) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Section 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 40 mph along those lengths of roads as specified in the Schedule below.

To enable Buckingham Road, Brackley to be subject to a 30 mph speed limit by virtue of existing street lighting a further provision of the Order will be to revoke the following orders:- "The County Council of the Administrative County of Northampton (40 MPH Speed Limit) (No. 1) Order, 1966" and "The Northamptonshire County Council (Buckingham Road, Brackley) (40 mph Speed Limit) Order 1993"

A COPY of the Order, together with a plan showing the exact lengths of road to which it relates may be inspected at the following libraries:- Towcester, Brackley, Roade, Middleton Cheney and Deanshanger during their normal opening hours or at the offices of The Traffic Order Section, Riverside House, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN1 5NX during the hours of 9 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 4 pm on Monday to Friday inclusive.

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This Order will become effective on the 30th of March 2012.

Dated this 29th day of March 2012
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/1024

SCHEDULE

Cosgrove
Northampton Road – from a point 143 metres south-east of its junction with the A508 to its junction with Cosgrove Road;
Stratford Road – from its junction with Cosgrove Road to a point 40 metres south of the entrance to Cosgrove Hall.

Lower Thorpe
Banbury Road – from a point 199 metres north of its junction with Sulgrave Road, Thorpe Mandeville for a distance of 481 metres in a northerly direction.

Quinton Green
Hartwell Road – from a point 145 metres north of the disused railway bridge south of Quinton Green to a point 40 metres north of the entrance to Quinton Green Park.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY CU4 – PARISH OF HARLESTONE)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists from proceeding along that length of Public Bridleway CU4 in the Parish of Harlestone as specified below. Access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of bridleway is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The path to be closed is CU4 in the Parish of Harlestone.

The existing route to be closed begins at Harlestone Road at Point A on the Order Map at National Grid Reference (NGR) SP 70723 64396. The route heads 42 metres generally north to Point B at NGR SP 70732 64437. From here it travels along CU4 for 1117 metres generally north east to Point C at NGR SP 71726 64913. The route the heads 141 metres generally south of east to Point D at NGR SP 71847 64840. It then heads generally east of north for 46 metres to Point E at NGR SP 71876 64875 at the junction with bridleway CU32

The path is shown on the Order Map by a solid black line between points A – B – C –D – E.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for strengthening and refurbishment of railway bridge.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 7th April 2012 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: The alternative route begins at Harlestone Road at Point A on the Order Map at NGR SP 70723 64396. The route then follows the highway footway of Harlestone Road for 203 metres to the start of Bridleway CU5 at Point F at NGR SP 70856 64248. From here the alternative route follows CU5 east for 590 metres to its junction with bridleway CU26 at Point G at NGR SP 71439 64189. The route then heads east of north along bridleway CU26 for 260 metres to Point H at NGR SP 71568 64410. The route continues along bridleway CU26 in a generally south east direction for 195 metres to Point I at NGR SP 71736 64319. The route then heads generally east of north for 83 metres to Point J at NGR SP 71787 64381. From here it travels generally south of east for 125 to Point K at NGR SP 71904 64336 at the junction of CU29 and CU21. The route then travels along the bridleway CU29 in an east of north direction for 410 metres passing under the railway line to Point L at NGR SP 72173 64646 at its junction with bridleway CU32. The route then travels generally north west along CU32 for 375 metres to Point E at NGR SP 71876 64875

The alternative route is shown on the Order Map by a broken black line between points A – F – G – H – I – J – K – L – E.

Dated this 29th day of March 2012
QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Legal Services

PKG/ROW/026

If you require any further information please contact George Massingham on 01604 364346.

Notice is herby given that Laurence Paul Sweeney of LS Bailiff Services has applied to the judge at Northampton county court for a Bailiffs certificate. Any person who knows of a reason why Laurence Paul Sweeney is not a fit and proper person to be granted a certificate should write to the Court Manager at Northampton County Court, 85-87 Lady's Lane, Northampton NN1 3HQ.

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D.O.B: 23rd July 1965

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Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must do so *by 25th April 2012* otherwise they will be excluded from the dividend. The required proof of debt form is available on the Insolvency Service website (www.bis.gov.uk/insolvency, select "Forms" and then form 6.37). Alternatively, you can contact my office at 2nd Floor, Sunley House, Bedford Park, CROYDON, CR9 1TX telephone 020 8667 5166 to supply a form.

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D.O.B: 14 February 1961

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Members of the public may inspect copies of the applications, plans and any other documentation submitted at the One Stop Shop, Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE during all reasonable office hours. Plans can also be viewed on-line at www.northampton.gov.uk, click on 'planning' and then 'planning search facility'. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Planning Division, Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE or email planning@northampton.gov.uk by 19/04/2012.

Susan Bridge, Head of Planning
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Boxing chief Evans backs judges' call over Owen defeat

BOXING

AREA secretary Bill Evans has defended his judges after the controversy surrounding Far Cotton Boys ABC Kyle Owen's defeat at the hands of Patsy McCann in the Junior ABA's.

Some ringside observers, including his coach John Daly, felt Owen should have got the nod rather than Kettering School of Boxing's McCann.

The judges' scores read 16-13, 14-12 and 13-12 in favour of McCann, with Mr Evans fully supporting their cards.

He said: "For championship shows the judges must be of an A or B grade, or a C grade for open shows. Perhaps John Daly would like to take a judges exam. He would be welcomed."

Meanwhile, Far Cotton pair Louis Roberts and Eithan James both extended their unbeaten records over the weekend by claiming wins in their latest bouts.

On Friday, Roberts travelled to Solihull where he claimed a unanimous decision win over the host club's Adam Palmer in his third fight at 48kg.

The following night, James earned a majority decision verdict against Nuneaton ABC's John Dunn at the Newdigate Colliery Club in Bedworth.

As well as making it six wins in six contests, James was also awarded Boxer of the Night honours for his performance.

Far Cotton have two boxers in action tomorrow night in Southampton, with Kyle Mason and Owen both up against opponents from Golden Ring ABC. Mason takes on Lewis Gill, while Owen faces Joe Stringer.

Then on Sunday, Drew Brown is involved in the next round of the Junior ABA Championship in Coventry, with his opponent yet to be confirmed.

PROUD: Marek Behnke (right) with coach Ian

Behnke beats travel troubles to ski for GB

SKIING

MAREK Behnke finished 32nd in the World Junior Freestyle Ski Championships after having to contend with little practise and nights sleeping in airports and minibuses.

The Moulton ski cross star had just seven days of training on snow this year ahead of the competition in Italy that featured the world's best junior racers.

That was coupled with a near-5,000 mile trip through nine different countries, as well a night sleeping at Oslo airport and another on a minibus to the venue.

Nevertheless, Behnke was proud to be able to represent Great Britain in the event and felt he did as well as he could have given the circumstances.

"It was a fantastic experience, one that I will never forget, to represent your country and be the first to do something is special," he said. "That course was the best I have ever skied, and I am so proud to have skied as well as I could have done."

Behnke now has the World Student Games next January as his target and is still seeking sponsorship to achieve this aim, as well as to pay for the costs of this season.

BATTERING RAM: Phil Dowson back in action for Saints during Saturday's win over Wasps

photo by Andy Kearns

Dowson hails club feel in Lancaster's England side

BY MARC BAZELEY
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FOR Phil Dowson, his first Six Nations campaign away with England was not much different from being with his club – and not just because there were several of his Northampton Saints team-mates there.

At the age of 30, the back row finally won his first caps for the national team during this year's tournament after several years of coming close, starting in the wins away to Scotland and Italy.

He also featured regularly as a replacement after that as the team, rebuilt in the wake of the fall-out from the 2011 World Cup and led by interim head coach Stuart Lancaster, finished second with the only loss coming against Grand Slam winners Wales.

Dowson put the results down to how Lancaster and his staff brought together what he described as a "scratch team", saying: "It was a great indicator of how Stuart Lancaster and the coaches put in an environment that was very similar to a club environment.

"Northampton has got an amazing atmosphere because of what Jim [Mallinder], Dorian [West] and Grays [Paul Grayson] do, but also the fact that we're friends.

"We spend every day together, we train, we play games together, and then to create that environment on international duty in a short period of time is tough, so that's what was good. The way the players bought into it, the way the management looked after the players and made them work hard when we were out there, was just a good environment to be in. There was nobody on their own with their own agendas and I think that was born of the results that we managed to secure.

"It showed that the team was willing to play for the management and play for the other players."

Dowson also hailed Lancaster's psychological tactics, which included former England international footballer Gary Neville and current England rugby league skipper Jamie Peacock giving talks to the squad.

Another tactic saw the coach getting the players' families to write them letters, which was something that struck a chord with Dowson.

"Maybe for somebody who is 18 and has just gone into the England squad, their parents still tell them that they are proud of them," he explained. "But when you have been playing for ten years they don't say, 'I really enjoyed watching you play for Northampton'.

"I know they do, but they don't say it very often because I have played so many games. When it's put down in front of you, when it has been so long and you have a think about that, it becomes ingrained in you."

Dowson is now fully focused on Northampton's quest to secure a place in the Aviva Premiership play-offs, and they head to Bath on Saturday looking for a rare win at the Recreation Ground.

He said: "We've got to rectify that because we have been hammered on the last two occasions we have been down there, and especially when the weather is like this and they want to play they are a tough side to defend against.

"They've got people like [Nick] Abendanon who can run the ball back and who is quick with good feet, [Olly] Barkley in terms of distribution, [Matt] Banahan in terms of attack.

"They've got some threats in the back and the forwards are a tough, big old pack that wins those boys ball.

"Defensively it's the biggest challenge because we have to cope with all of those threats, but we also need to make sure we play our game."

CRICKET

Capel backs preparations as Patel and kids trialled

DAVID Capel believes that Northamptonshire's pre-season campaign will still stand them in good stead for the coming season despite being forced to cancel their overseas trip.

The county began their friendlies with an inter-squad game on Monday before travelling to the Fenners Ground to face Cambridge University yesterday. They now begin a two-day inter-squad game today followed by the visit of Middlesex on Tuesday.

Originally they had planed to visit South Africa again, which had served them so well in 2011, but financial constraints saw that tour axed and left Northants having to hastily arrange some matches.

However, head coach Capel said: "We are certainly making the most of the practise opportunities that we have and hopefully we will be fully prepared for our first game away to Derbyshire next week.

"To be honest, the weather we are having at the minute is probably replicating what we would have overseas so we have been quite fortunate in that respect.

"We're one of the few counties not to be out of the country. Because we cancelled the tour late it was quite difficult to find some quality opposition, but we've managed to get Middlesex down on Tuesday."

Monday's game saw the two Northants XI's featuring a mix of first team and Academy players, as well as trialists including Akhil Patel – brother of Nottinghamshire and England spinner Samit. Capel is also pleased to have been able to give the likes of young batsman Zak Khawaja – who made an assured 43 not out – the opportunity to show what they can do in a match environment against established players.

"One plus of these matches is that it gives Academy players a first chance to see what it is like and I remember how good they were for me as a youngster," said Capel.

"Zak has played age group cricket with us and played in the Northamptonshire Cricket League with Old Northamptonians.

"I also saw him batting and practising a couple of times with the ONs and we got him into the academy. He has been working with David Ripley and the other coaches, and when he came in he wasn't daunted.

"He also got some time at the crease with David Sales, so it's good he has been able to play with one of the senior players."

Sales has also shown some good early season form with the bat, following up his 59 on Monday with 157 not out against the Cambridge students yesterday.

David Willey is also set to make his first appearance in the inter-squad game starting today after returning from Australia, but Luke Evans is set to miss the first four to five weeks of the new season after having an operation on a back problem.

Jacobs' growth echoes faith in youth that Crewe are built on

BY MARC BAZELEY
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IF, as with politics, a week is a long time in football, then four months must seem like aeons. In that time, Aidy Boothroyd has affected a turnaround of Northampton Town's fortunes and on Saturday faces the team it all began against.

On Saturday, December 10, his first game in charge of the Cobblers saw them hold out for a 1-1 draw against Crewe Alexandra to halt a run of four consecutive defeats that had seen them slip into the League Two relegation mire and exit the FA Cup at the hands of Blue Square Bet Premier side Luton Town.

The two sides now meet again at Gresty Road, with things looking better for both. Crewe, under Steve Davis who had only been in the job a month when they last played, are pushing for a play-off space, while Northampton are closing in on safety.

"I watched the DVD the other day of the first game, and it is a very different team, attitude and mentality that we have now to what we had then," recalls Boothroyd ahead of this weekend's game.

"I think we were delighted just to get a point, whereas now we go into games thinking we have got a good chance of winning.

"They're a very good team; I think they're a solid team, they've got a bit of steel in them, they've got a nice balance and I think they'll be very difficult team for us to play against.

"But it's a game we look forward to just to see how far we have come.

"Looking back on the DVD, we probably had the better of the first half and they certainly had the better of the second half.

"We'll have to just make sure that we maintain our defensive stability and see if we can nick a goal here or there.

"It would be nice to finish the season on a high. That's the plan and we've got three games coming up – Crewe, Oxford and Swindon – against teams that are vying for the play-off spot and automatic promotion.

"I think it will be a marker to show how far we have come and that's what the season does."

A 0-0 draw at home to Plymouth Argyle last Saturday ensured Northampton remain five points clear of the relegation zone, with Boothroyd hailing the Pilgrims' defensive style as a compliment to his team.

Attention now turns to Crewe – a team renowned for continually producing technically sound and talented young players from their academy, which has provided the bedrock of their first team for many years now.

That is something Boothroyd, who worked with the youth teams at Peterborough United, Norwich City and West Bromwich Albion, is keen to replicate at Sixfields although he admits that is something much further down the line.

He said: "It's really important for every club to have a good youth policy. It's my background, but at the same time I don't think most supporters will be happy if I say I've got a five-year plan and we want to get into the next league in five years or ten years.

"We all want instant success, but I do think it is important that the club is built with a short-term plan, a medium-term and a long-term plan, which is your youth policy.

"I think Michael Jacobs is a great example of where the time and money has been invested, and at the end of it the club has got a wonderful player out of it playing for the first team.

"It gives everybody a lift because he is a local boy, and if he does decide to go we will be rewarded for that."

Midfield prospect Jacobs is out of contract with Northampton in the summer and once again the rumour mill has gone into overdrive about, whether or not he will be moving on, if the opportunity arises.

The 20-year-old is set to be offered a new deal by the club, although, even if he declined, they would still be eligible to claim a fee for him from any potential suitor as he is under the age of 24.

Boothroyd is excited by Jacobs' potential, but added that he still has some way to go before he can become the player that the Northampton boss thinks he is capable of being.

"He's potentially very good, and that's a word that gets used a lot, but in order to fulfil that potential you've got to listen, you've got to be able to improve and you've got to be able to work hard," said Boothroyd. "It's too early to tell just how good he can be, but the one thing that I was on about and he is improving on is his end product.

"He is getting better all of the time and I think that sometimes a lot of emphasis is put on young players to produce, but he knows that I think he is not as good as he can be and we have a good working relationship because he wants to get better.

"Michael is a very talented young man. He's also a very level-headed young man who knows he has got a long way to go in terms of how good he can be.

"The one thing that you do need if you are going to be successful in any walk of life is that you need to be level-headed and need to have some humility, and he has got that about him."

HOT PROSPECT: Michael Jacobs tracked by Plymouth's Onismor Bhasera in Saturday's 0-0 draw photo by Andy Kearns

Rain can't dampen Force India's points pursuit in Malaysia

FORMULA ONE

FORCE India took full advantage of the havoc caused by the wet conditions in Sunday's Malaysian Grand Prix to secure their first double points finish of the new Formula One season.

The Silverstone-based team endured a difficult qualifying session the day before, with both Paul di Resta and Nico Hulkenberg being eliminated in Q2. But race day proved different with di Resta coming home seventh and Hulkenberg ninth.

British racer di Resta overcame being hit by Pastor Maldonado in the Williams just before the race was red flagged on lap six due to heavy rain. However, when the action resumed he drove patiently on the drying track to secure six points.

"We were a bit lucky with some of the issues for cars ahead, but in races like this you need a bit of luck and given where we started I think we can come away from here very happy with this result," said di Resta.

"The start of the race was a bit of a mess and it was all about trying to stay on the track and stay out of trouble. I did pretty well until Maldonado hit me just before the red flag, which spun me around and cost me about three places.

"At the restart our pace was very good on the intermediate tyres and we were able to get well up the order and stay with the leading group.

"As it dried out we switched to dry tyres at the same time everyone else did, which was the safe way to play it, and just tried to hold position in the points."

Team-mate Hulkenberg scored his first points for Force India and was delighted for both him and the team after the race.

He said: "I have to say that the wet conditions were some of the worst I've raced in and the visibility was almost zero before the race was stopped.

"It was much better when the race restarted, but I struggled with the balance of the car on the intermediates, so it was just a case of trying to stay in the points and catch Vergne ahead."

The team now have a three-week break before the next round of the season on April 15, when they head to Shanghai for the Chinese Grand Prix.

Bryan in bid for title

BOWLS

JASON Bryan begins his challenge for the national men's indoor singles title today when he faces City of Ely IBC's Matt Marsden in his first match.

The Kingsthorpe IBC bowler came through the Area stages to ensure his place in the finals at Nottingham IBC this week.

Four of Bryan's club-mates will also be in action on Sunday in the fours event, where Andrew Manton, Ben and Mick Sharpe and Neil McKee face a team from Folkestone IBC.

Northampton & District IBC are also represented in both the men's and women's competitions, with both playing their first ties on Wednesday.

In the ladies pairs, Marilyn Oram and Joyce Porter will play Christine Young and Pamela Ashley, of Newark IBC.

The men's triples see Rob White, Alan Ramscar and Dominic Graham face Grantham IBC trio Stuart Gent, Martin Pulling and Matt Orrey.

Kingsthorpe have also booked their spot in the semi-finals of the Leonard Denny Memorial Trophy after a 42-23 victory over Barking IBC.

They will now play in the semi-final on Saturday, April 21, at Cambridge Park IBC, Twickenham.

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Jacobs' promise hailed ahead of Crewe clash

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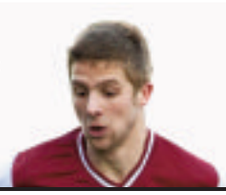

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Hartley is no bad boy

Saints boss defends skipper's character after ban for biting

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JIM Mallinder has given his full backing to Dylan Hartley after the Northampton Saints captain was handed an eight-week ban for biting whilst on England duty.

The hooker was found guilty at a disciplinary hearing on Tuesday after he was cited for biting Ireland's Stephen Ferris on the finger during their Six Nations clash at Twickenham.

It is not the first time Hartley has been served with a lengthy ban, having been handed a six-month suspension for gouging five years ago.

But the 26-year-old has since worked hard to shed his 'bad boy' tag, and Saints director of rugby Mallinder believes he has done that despite this transgression.

"You've got to be very careful and I know the difference in Dylan as a person," he said.

"He's a very different character who was playing here when I first arrived at the club to what he is now.

"He has developed and matured into a fine leader and a captain, he is a role model on and off the field with what he does around the town.

"He has changed and that incident is totally inconsistent with the character of Dylan that we know.

"Over the last few years we've seen players target him on purpose, and also coaches talking about him and trying to put pressure on him that way.

"He's a tough player – you can't take that away from Dylan and any hooker that plays international rugby has got to be tough.

"He plays hard but he plays fair, and he is a good leader as well."

Hartley will now miss the rest of the season for Northampton, with the exception of the Aviva Premiership final should they make it that far.

The Saints will also find out tonight if Calum Clark – suspended by the club last week – will face any further sanction after being cited for an incident involving himself and Leicester Tigers' Rob Hawkins during the LV= Cup final.

The team will look to put these issues firmly behind them this Saturday evening when they take on Bath at the Recreation Ground in the league.

With Hartley out and Mallinder expecting Clark to be suspended, Lee Dickson is once again set to captain the side having done so in last weekend's 30-15 win over London Wasps.

Mallinder said: "He's had a fantastic Six Nations and he's had a fantastic year for Northampton Saints as well, so it has not really affected his game.

"He's generally someone who talks a lot, likes to boss the forwards and has a word with the backs to make sure they know what they are doing.

"It's a natural position to be in, you can't criticise what he did last week and I'm sure it will be the same this week.

"We have leaders in all the key positions; we'll have someone who is in charge of the back three, the centres, back row and front row.

"They'll speak and lead by example on the field, and make the right decisions at the right times.

"But then basically you need someone who is going to pull all of that together, speak to the referee, make decisions, toss a coin at the beginning and say, 'three cheers' at the end."

Ex-Aussie captain Cameron signs on in coup for County

CRICKET

FORMER Australia Twenty20 captain Cameron White will be joining Northamptonshire Steelbacks at their second overseas player for this season's Friends Life t20 tournament.

The right hander has featured for his country in 29 t20 internationals, scoring 632 runs at an average of 31.60, with a top score of 85 not out.

On the domestic Twenty20 front he featured for Somerset in the 2007 and 2008 seasons, and has also starred in the Indian Premier League and Australia's Big Bash, to date scoring 2,232 runs at 28.98.

"This is an important signing for Northants Cricket's Friends Life t20 campaign, where Cameron will be able to add huge amounts of firepower to our middle order batting," said Northants head coach David Capel.

"Cameron comes to the County Ground with a proven track record, both internationally and domestically in the shorter forms of the game and he has the ability to find the boundaries, as seen by the fact he has scored t20 centuries."

A strike rate of 131.21 in the domestic game underlines the 28-year-old's status as a destructive batsman in the shortest form of the game, while his leg break bowling has also proved a useful asset.

White will join Chaminda Vaas – back at the County Ground for the entire 2012 season – as one of their two overseas players eligible to feature in the FLt20 thanks to the Steelbacks securing funding from private sponsors.

New chief executive David Smith is keen for the side to improve on their last two disappointing Twenty20 campaigns and believes White's signing can help with that aim.

He said: "As a former captain of Australia in this format of the game and with Champions League and IPL experience, Cameron will bring a wealth of international experience to our t20 squad. This signing would not have been possible without the help of external benefactors, and we would like to place on record our appreciation to them once again."

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